

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1 - 23 (cancelled)

24. (currently amended) An accounting system, comprising:

a plurality of at least one client modules module for use by a client;

an administration module for administering said plurality of at least one client module modules; and

at least one adviser module associated with one or more of said plurality of at least one client modules module,

the administration module being adapted for installation on an administration computer server and each the at least one client module being configured by the administration module to operate according to configuration information and generated adapted for installation on a client computer unit(s) remote from the administrator computer server,

the administration module, the plurality of at least one client modules module and the at least one adviser module being arranged for communication over a communications network,

the administration module having requesting means arranged to receive from the at least one adviser module and/or a user, being arranged to transfer accounts configuration information to the administration module for configuring a requested client module and, where nominated, to associate an adviser module with the associated at least one requested client module, scripting means arranged for the user or adviser module to script or edit an account description for association with a nominated account and/or a description for association with an accounts item within said nominated account, information obtaining means arranged to present on the requesting adviser module and/or the requesting client computer unit prompt messages relevant to an entity type category and a business type category nominated by the requesting adviser module or user and to extract information provided to the prompt messages for inclusion into the configuration information, a master chart of accounts from which one or more client accounts with matching entity type category and business type category contained in the configuration information are extracted, and accounts generating means for generating the requested client module configured with one or more client charts of accounts in accordance with the extracted accounts;

each one of the associated at least one plurality of client modules module having transaction entry means for entering transaction records, pre-assigned transaction category codes

being stored on a storage medium, means for selecting a pre-assigned category code to associate with a transaction record to be entered through the transaction entry means, and [[a]] one or more client charts chart of accounts for selection of an account to which the transaction record is to be associated, the accounts being predetermined by the client information provided to the prompt messages in consideration of tax liability options for transactions or in accordance with accounts of ~~at least one the entity type category and the business type category~~ prenominated in the configuration information by the client, each of said accounts including a pre-allocated unique account identification and an account description which is prescribed by the adviser module or the user client or generally adopted by traders ~~in said at least one with matching entity type category and business type category~~, and each of said category codes being pre-specified in the configuration information as a taxed or non-taxed category, and as an expenditure or income transaction type, and

the administration module having a suppliers database containing client modules nominated as suppliers of certain product types and arranged for any client module to access the suppliers database for selecting a supplier of a product type and being arranged to present, upon selection of a supplier client module, a list of products of the selected supplier client module, and a coordination unit arranged for coordinating transaction activities between a purchasing client module and a

~~supplier client module, master chart of accounts from which the client chart of accounts is extracted based on the information from the adviser module, and chart of accounts generating means for generating said client chart of accounts in accordance with an adviser module determination of relevant account information for an associated client module.~~

each client module being allocated with a unique client reference and each product of a supplier client module having a product reference associated with the client reference of the supplier client module, and each client module being adapted to access the suppliers database at the administration module and select one or more products of a selected supplier client module and to transfer a purchase order for the selected product(s) through the coordination unit to the selected supplier client module, the purchase order including the client reference of the purchasing client module, the client reference of the supplier client module and the product reference(s) of the selected product(s), the supplier client module being adapted to extract the client and product references in the purchase order for incorporation into a sales order.

25. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24 wherein said ~~at least one business type~~ category including ~~include~~ trading activities involving the provision of goods and/or services relating to any class of business.

26. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24 wherein ~~the at least one~~ each client module having means for obtaining information relevant to tax liabilities of the transaction records, said information obtaining means having one or more prompts associated with each of a plurality transaction category codes that have tax liabilities, and being arranged to present the associated one or more prompts for entering information relevant to tax liabilities when one of said category code is nominated for a transaction to be entered, and to extract the entered information for allocating tax liabilities of the transaction.

27. (currently amended) The system according to claim 26 wherein said one or more prompts are in the form of one or more leading questions for prompting the client to enter said relevant tax liability information in a designated location(s), and the ~~at least one~~ client module being arranged to extract the entered information at said designated location(s) and apply a tax liability determination procedure which is specific for the or each extracted information from said designated location(s).

28. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24 wherein the ~~at least one~~ client module having report generating means arranged to access the entered transaction records for generating accounting reports.

29. (previously presented) The system according to claim 28 wherein the report generating means including a report selection arrangement for selecting any one of a number of accounting reports for generation.

30. (previously presented) The system according to claim 28 wherein at least one of said taxed category codes is pre-allocated to taxation segments for a taxation report, being one of the accounting reports.

31. (previously presented) The system according to claim 30 wherein said taxation report is a Business Activity Statement (BAS) that complies with the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

32. (previously presented) The system according to claim 24 wherein where a taxed category code having a variable taxation allocation is entered, a window with appropriate prompts for specifying amounts to be allocated is presented for entering the amounts.

33. (previously presented) The system according to claim 32 wherein the category code is associated with a wage account in said client chart of accounts.

34. (previously presented) The system according to claim 24 further having storage means for storing the transaction records and is arranged for accessing bank statement records over the communications network.

35. (currently amended) The system according to claim 34 wherein the ~~at least one~~ client module having reconciliation means for reconciling said stored transaction records with the bank statement records.

36. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24 wherein said at least one adviser module having report generating means being arranged to access transaction records transferred from ~~the~~ an associated ~~at least one~~ client module for generating accounting reports and management reports.

37. (previously presented) The system according to claim 36 wherein the report generating means including a report selection arrangement for selecting any one of a number of accounting and management reports for generation.

38. (previously presented) The system according to claim 24 wherein the client chart of accounts is locked so that the account identifications and the account descriptions therein cannot be altered by the user.

39. (previously presented) The system according to claim 24 wherein the administration module having a transaction code generating means for generating the transaction codes as specified by the adviser.

40. (cancelled)

41. (currently amended) The system according to claim 1 [[40]] wherein the ~~administration module having a~~ coordination unit is arranged to use the client references ~~to transfer a purchase order from the purchasing client module to the supplier client module and to transfer a subsequently received invoice for the sales order~~ from the supplier client module to the purchasing client module.

42. (previously presented) The system according to claim 41 wherein record of payment of the invoice is transfer through the administration module so that the coordination unit communicates to the supplier client module a record that the invoice has been settled.

43. (previously presented) The system according to claim 42 wherein storage means being arranged to store transaction information between suppliers and purchasers, and the

coordination unit being arranged to automate purchase orders when stocks for transactions are below predetermined levels.

44. (currently amended) The system according to claim [[40]] 1 wherein each said plurality of client modules is associated with said at least one adviser module so that the transaction records stored in the client module of the associated client(s) can be accessed remotely.

45. (currently amended) The system according to claim 24 wherein the ~~at least one~~ client module is a cash book module or an accrual module or a combined cash book and accrual module, or a payroll module or a point of sale module, or any combination of two or more of said modules.